

REMARKS

The comments of the Examiner as set forth in the Office Paper of 13 August, 2004 have been carefully studied and reviewed.

Claims 1, and 4-33 are currently pending in this application.
Claims 19-33 have been allowed.
Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected.
Claims 5-18 have been objected to.

Claims 20 and 21 have been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. The semi-colon at the end of Claims 20 and 21 has been replaced by a period.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schuckman (U.S. Pat. No. 1,255,798).

Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice, because their subject matter has been incorporated into Claim 5, as described in the following paragraphs regarding Allowable Subject Matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled.

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1 Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 5 defines
2 patentable subject matter, and therefore the Claims dependent upon
3 it (Claims 6-18) are also patentable and should be allowed.

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5 Claims 19-33 have been allowed.

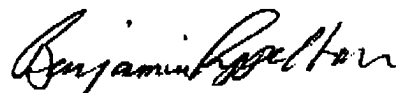
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7 **Conclusion**

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9 Thus, the present pending Claims distinguish over the prior
10 art and define patentable subject matter.

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12 Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thoughtful review of
13 this application, and respectfully requests the Examiner review the
14 pending Claims and to find that they define patentable subject
15 matter. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the present
16 pending Claims be allowed.

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18 In the event that this Amendment does not place the
19 application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is
20 respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order that
21 an attempt can be made to place the application in condition for
22 allowance as expeditiously as possible.

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24 Respectfully submitted,

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